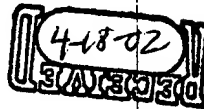


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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Pope for conducting telephone interviews on April 12, 2002 and April 16, 2002. The substance of the interviews related to the effective filing date of the present application and the priority date of the applied reference. In particular, Applicant claims priority to provisional application 60/156,391 filed September 28, 1999.¹ Applicant submits that claims 21-40 are fully supported by the provisional application as filed and are entitled to an effective filing date of no later than September 28, 1999.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are requested in view of the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. §103(a) Rejection

Claims 21-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,243,029 to Tomer ("Tomer"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

¹ Applicant previously provided a copy of the provisional application to the Examiner with the Preliminary Amendment filed August 1, 2001. Applicant submits that the requirements for granting priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e)(1) have been met. Namely, (i) the nonprovisional application is an application for a patent for an invention disclosed in the provisional application, (ii) the nonprovisional application was filed not later than 12 months after the date on which the provisional application was filed, (iii) the nonprovisional application contains a specific reference to the provisional application, (iv) the nonprovisional application was filed by the inventor named in the provisional application, (v) the claim for priority was made at the time the nonprovisional application was filed; and (vi) the provisional application was filed in English.